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SUCCESSOR TO

CHERRY COUNTY INDEPENDENT.

ROBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

Window shades of all kinds at C. R. Watson's. 29

Miss Cora Gillette spent Sunday and Monday with her parents at Ainsworth.

Davenport & Thacher carry a complete line of coffins and undertaker's supplies. 27

A McKinley band has been organized at Longpine. The band consists of ten pieces.

The ladies of Valentine are preparing to give a literary entertainment in a couple of weeks.

When you see the flag flying from the staff over this office, you may know something is going on.

Bids for the construction of the new Indian schools will be opened at Washington on the 18th inst.

Owing to the unsatisfactory prices being paid for cattle, stockmen are not shipping very heavy just now.

The petition for the new school house is being circulated and numerous signed. Get your name on the list.

Bishop Anson R. Graves will hold services and administer the rite of confirmation at the Episcopal church Sunday, August 23.

C. R. Watson, the druggist, comes to the front this week with a nice lot of locals. A display advertisement will appear next week.

WANTED, TO BUY:—Match for a dark brown horse with black mane and tail. Weight about 900. Enquire at Northwestern Livery and Sale Stable.

J. H. Quigley has a very unique window display this week, illustrating some people's ideas of the meaning of 16 to 1. That is, one gold dollar surrounded by sixteen silver dollars.

The basement walls of the new stone building are completed, and joist for the first floor are laid. Work on the first story will be pushed rapidly until the building is completed.

Two ladies were scared almost out of their wits at Chadron one evening last week by the appearance of what they supposed was a ghost on a bicycle. It proved to be a young society man in a white duck suit.

Parties having old copies of the Valentine Gazette will confer a favor upon the editor of this paper by leaving them at this office. A complete file would prove very acceptable. Copies of the Democratic Blade would also be appreciated.

Several of the boys around town were invited to attend a reception, a party and one or two other society events one evening this week. Just what they did about it is not known, but it is said that several accepted all the invitations.

Mr. Sanley has a freak in the vegetable line which was raised in their garden; it is a cabbage stalk with five perfect heads on it. Each head is giving good evidence of becoming a good, hard cabbage. His garden seems to be trying to make up for what it has not done in the last three or four years.—Norden Herald.

At a meeting of the Sparks Union Sunday School, held in the M.E. church at Sparks, Neb., on Sunday, July 9, a committee composed of J. A. Hornback, Arthur Sawyer and J. Brechbill were appointed to formulate resolutions of condolence, to be sent to F. M. Rowley and wife at Lonoke, Ark., on the death of their son, John Rowley.

J. W. McWilliams who was superintending the putting down of the artesian well for the government on the Rosebud Indian reservation, died Monday morning of heart disease. A telephone message to Davenport & Thacher announced the sad news, and E. J. Davenport went over to the well Monday evening with a casket for the remains, which were brought here Tuesday evening. [The body was shipped to McWilliams' old home in Pennsylvania yesterday morning.

Fort Niobrara.

FORT NIOBRARA, August 9.

The long looked for contest between the Niobrara and Fort Meade ball teams came off at the Fort last Saturday. Two games were played. The first game was won by the Meade team and the second by the Niobrara.

Almost the entire male population of the fort and city of Valentine and a goodly per cent of the female was at the ball grounds long before the games were called. Citizens and soldiers both set out to make that day of all days for the "Meades and Niobraras" and right royally did they succeed. It was almost treasonable for any of the residents of the fort and city not to show in some way the appreciation of the work of Forts Meade and Niobrara. Everybody gave themselves up to this one thing, and in consequence the remembrance of the good time had in this isolated frontier fort will be forever in the minds of the members of both teams, and will also be fondly remembered by our many visitors. It was the same thing over again—cheers, congratulations, handshakes, tooting of tin horns, etc. A few members of Co. B, 12th Infantry, made themselves obnoxious to the members and friends of the Niobrara by the many insulting remarks which they hurled at the home team, instead of giving them their hearty support, as most everyone in the garrison did.

Fort Meade can well feel proud of its team. They are not only ball players but gentlemen in every sense of the word, from their captain down to their "Mascot," little Jack Keenan, and we regret that their visit here was a short one. The Niobrara hope to again cross bats with the Meade team at Fort Meade, South Dakota in the near future.

Following are the names and positions occupied by the players of the opposing teams:

Fort Niobrara—Feldcamp, catcher; Hunter, 2b; Mitchell, cf; Collins, 3b; Pfeiffer, rf; Baker, 1b; Shaw, lf; Blazzer, p; Christy, ss.

Fort Meade—Bennett, 2b; Clinton, 1b; Howard, c; S. Wells, rf; Rush, p; Mason, ss; A. Wells, 3b; Ball, lf; Hamilton, cf.

The editor of THE DEMOCRAT had the pleasure of witnessing these two games in company with many other citizens; and enjoyed the sport thoroughly. The first game was a beauty up to eighth inning, when the visitors commenced hitting Blazer pretty freely. However, they only got eight runs in this inning, but as the score stood 7 to 1 up to that time and as no more runs were made by the home team it was enough to give them the game by just that many.

Things looked pretty dark and dreary for Fort Niobrara in the afternoon, but the boys put on their most courageous front and went after the game in a way which must have surprised Fort Meade. It was anybody's game until the seventh, the score being frequently tied. On the opening of that fatal inning some 12th Infantry man hit the ball a good swipe, and then the game became a nightmare. The visitors were almost willing to swear that the home boys had hit the ball and were simply taking turns at running bases. Fort Niobrara made 13 runs in this inning and 3 in the next.

The story was different in the ninth, when the Meade boys came to bat, and everyone seemed to have a bat about ten feet long. They knocked out 10 runs but it wasn't enough. Score 26 to 20.

Among the visitors from Fort Meade who attended the ball game at Fort Niobrara Saturday were Major Carr, Major Wells, wife, two sons and daughters, Mrs. Ellis, son and daughter, Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Captain Johnson, Lieutenants Swezey and Crabb and Dr. (Major) Crampton, all of the Eighth Cavalry. A reception was tendered the guests in the evening and they returned home on the midnight train.

FOR SALE—Complete outfit for hotel, consisting of furniture, bedding, etc., for ten rooms, besides dining room and kitchen utensils. Poor health alone compels me sell.

M. S. WELCH, Valentine, Nebr.

WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

LEROY LEACH, Editor.

Mr. Geo. Hornby was down from Valentine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morris spent Sunday afternoon at the home of D. Leach.

We understand W. V. Johnson and wife will at an early date occupy their new home, three miles south of Woodlake.

Miss Ada Leach, Miss Nellie Hallenbeck and the editor of this department spent Sunday evening at the home of E. D. Valentine.

J. M. Hanna and Charles Barnes were in from the ranch this week, and report favorable progress in the noble art of hay making. It is, after all, a profitable work to stand under the warm rays of old Sol, putting up little mounds of carved grass, while the active buffalo gnats put up little mounds on one's neck and ears. "Go thou, and do likewise."

Ina Mildred, aged two years and seven months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, who had been for several days seriously ill, died Friday night, and was buried in Woodlake Sunday, August 9th at 11 a. m. Reverend Smith, of Stuart, conducted funeral services. Many friends of the bereaved parents were present from Johnston, Valentine and the surrounding country.

LITTLE INA.

From this vale of grief and trial,
From our cares and tender love,
Gone for but a little while
To the throne of God above,
One more little angel sweet
Moves in Heaven's holy glow;
Angel eyes in pity greet
Sorrowing ones on earth below,
There among the holy throng,
By the throne of God above;
In the holy light and song
Safe she rests in Jesus' love.
And we from the past repeat
Words from Heaven's Trinity:
To earth's infants pure and sweet
Innocence "Come unto me,"

Sparks.

Elder Riggle has returned to the Hills.

Mrs. Hornback will teach school at No. 5.

Uncle John Hudson has moved into his new house.

Mrs. J. L. Handy is visiting her parents near Sparks.

The Grooms threshing machine will start at Capt. Archer's, Tuesday.

Elder Blakely, of Springview, will preach for the Baptist church on Sunday, August 23.

M. G. House, of the north table, will start his threshing machine at Nels Polen's, Wednesday.

The news of the death of Johnny Rowley was a sad surprise the old friends of the family.

N. J. Grooms did a little blacksmithing this week for a band of Indians from One Creek, S. D.

The Old Settlers' Reunion will be held on the 18th and 19th of September. A good time is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson have been of the north table for two weeks visiting and helping the boys with their harvesting.

The church entertainment and ice cream supper last Saturday was a grand success. The house was full and the church is \$13.85 richer.

J. A. Hornback is president of the Old Settlers' Reunion, and Geo. Tracewell vice president. Jas. Hudson, Nels Polen, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Hattie Hudson are the committee on arrangements.

Harvest is about over with and everybody feels happy. Wheat is not as good as it seemed to be before it was harvested. Corn is good; the best we have ever had in this part of the country. It will make from thirty to fifty bushels per acre.

Weather Report.

Following is a summary of the weather experienced here during the past week, and up to 10 o'clock this morning:

DAY	TEMP	MAX	MIN	PRECIP
Thursday	88	60	
Friday	94	60	
Saturday	88	55	.03	
Sunday	87	63	
Monday	95	58	
Tuesday	89	53	
Wednesday	80	50	
Thursday	80	60	

Precipitation is given in inches and hundredths. Observations by C. R. Watson, of U. S. weather bureau. The weather bureau day is from 6 p. m. to 6 p. m.

"ONLY ONE GIRL"



In the World for Me," says the popular song. "Only one store in the town for me," says the housekeeper who wishes to have every dollar expended do its full duty. Everything in our establishment is marked at prices which will retain regular patrons and induce occasional customers to call again. The rapid increase in the the volume of our business is the best evidence that the people of Valentine appreciate this method.

THE "RED FRONT"

W. E. HALEY,

ABSTRACTER

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Valentine, Nebraska.

Kewanee.

Grain stacking is well under way.

Young jack rabbits are good eating now.

Capt. Archer will start the season of threshing on Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Tracewell rides with divided skirts nowadays.

Mrs. Archer is not quite so well. Has been confined to bed for a week past.

Wedding bells were quietly rung in our neighborhood. Miss Tillie Ashburn and Grant Spain were married on Sunday evening, Aug. 2nd.

Comparing notes on corn is the usual topic, when farmers meet. Some fields average two large ears on a stalk, and the stalks are so high an average size man on horseback cannot reach the top of them. Men will not have to break their backs while husking corn this year.

Jay Fowler went on Saturday last to do his brother's chores and has not yet returned. His people are much worried about him, as he was expected back on the same day. If he does not return by to-night, (Monday) a search for his body will be made, as he was riding a fractious horse.

Mrs. Thos. Fowler had the misfortune to break an arm while out for berries on Friday last. The wagon dropped one side into a pitchhole, while crossing the creek in Big Beaver canyon, throwing her out, and breaking the radius bone in her left arm near the wrist joint. Dr. Dwyer reduced the fracture.

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Mill Prices for Feed.

Bran, bulk	40c per cwt	\$7.00 ton
Shorts bulk	50c per cwt	\$9.00 ton
Screenings	35c "	\$6.00 "
Chop Feed	70c "	\$13.00 "
Corn	50c "	
Oats	65c "	

The Mill reduced the price on all grades of flour 20c per barrel last Monday.

New wheat is 40c per bushel at the Mill.

I. S. Knight has a five acre field of oats that's hard to beat. In binding the same it required 21½ pounds of twine and there was not room on the five acres for the shocks. If you doubt it just go and take a look at the field. The great secret of this big field is the very light wetting this ground received last fall from Mr. Knight's irrigation plant.—Hay Springs Leader.

Paints, oils and varnishes at C. R. Watson's. 29

Some Old Papers.

THE DEMOCRAT is indebted to Misses Kate and Wren Donoher for the loan of a complete file of The Valentine Reporter, the first paper ever published in Valentine, and The Democratic Blade for the years 1885 to 1888 inclusive. The Reporter was started on May 3, 1883, and was published as a republican newspaper by Santee and Hill, and was a bright, newsy sheet. The Blade was started on September 18, 1885, by Robert O. Fink, and is the predecessor of THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT. These old papers are curiosities in their way, and contain some very interesting reading for both the old and new residents of Valentine and Cherry county.

At the time the Reporter was started, Ryan & Bruhn, E. McDonald, and Tracy & Sparks seemed to be the principal merchants in Valentine, while J. M. Thacher & Co. advertised themselves as post traders and dealers in general merchandise. A. Lewis was in the drug business, W. R. Foster ran a bakery and restaurant and F. H. Warren and Carter & Key ran the principal saloons. The first issue tells of "Col. J. Wesley Tucker" being in town fixing the location of the land office. There was no meat market, persons in the village being compelled to send to O'Neill for fresh meat. The republican county convention met and nominated the following county ticket: Judge, J. P. Wood; treasurer, Al Sparks; clerk, Al Paxton; superintendent, Denis Daly; surveyor, Eugene LaManna; commissioners, D. Y. Mears, Mr. Shores and John Branstadt. Where are all the old timers now?

If you want to buy tame pigeons, call at this office.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr., August, 13th, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Sept 15th, 1896, viz:

John E. Hendricks, of Cody, Nebr.

H. E. No 9413 for the 1/4 sec 4 and 1/2 sec 4, Sec. 27, Tp 35, R. 24W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Fred L. Rose, Joseph A. Rose, Albert C. Riemschneider, Frank L. Reed all of Cody, Nebr.

C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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